

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 27, 2005

A former Johnsonville City employee has been arrested and charged with **Misconduct in Office and Embezzlement of Public Funds.**

Marti C. Powell, 31, of 754 Possum Ford Road in Johnsonville, South Carolina, was arrested Monday afternoon, September 26, 2005, at approximately 3:30 p.m., and was booked at the Florence County Detention Center.

The arrest is a result of an investigation conducted by SLED at the request of Johnsonville City officials. The case will be prosecuted by the Twelfth Circuit Solicitor's Office.

* Warrants Attached.

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FAX NO.

FROM : MAGISTRATES OFFICE

ARREST WARRANT

H- 846960 H846960

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
FLORENCE

THE STATE

against

MARTI C. POWELL
754 POSSUM FORD ROAD

Address: JOHNSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: Race: Height: Weight:

DL State: DL#: 2/02 1974

DOB: Agency ORI#:

Prosecuting Agency:

Prosecuting Officer:

PUBLIC OFFICIAL, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

Offense Code: 08-01-0080
Code/Ordinance Sec.

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to law.

Signature of Judge (L.S.)

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant Marti C. Powell

on 9-26-2005

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
FLORENCE

AFFIDAVIT

Form Approved by
S.G. Attorney General
April 21, 2004
BGCA 618

Personally appeared before me the affiant ROXANE BETHEA/SLED who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant MARTI C. POWELL
did within this county and state on 6/01 2004 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of FLORENCE)

In the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: 08-01-0080
PUBLIC OFFICIAL, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

THAT ON OR BETWEEN 6/1/04 THROUGH 8/31/05, MARTI C. POWELL WHO WAS EMPLOYED
BY THE CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE IN FLORENCE COUNTY AS THE CITY CLERK/TRASURER.
POWELL DID WILLFULLY AND DISHONESTLY TAKE AND, EMBEZZLE PUBLIC FUNDS IN THE
AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$78,722.62 FROM THE CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE FOR HER
OWN PERSONAL USE. THIS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE SC CODE OF LAWS 8-1-80,
1976 AS AMENDED. DEFENDANT GAVE A STATEMENT TO THE SAME.

Signature of Affiant

Roxane Bethea

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
FLORENCE

Affiant's Address: P.O. BOX 56

Affiant's Telephone: EFFINGHAM, SOUTH CAROLINA
8436626245

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
on 6/01/04 defendant MARTI C. POWELL
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of FLORENCE) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: 08-01-0080
PUBLIC OFFICIAL, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said
defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to
the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 9/28/05

[Signature]

Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code: 5070

Judge's Address: MAGISTRATE BUILDING

180 N. IRBY STREET, MSC-W

Judge's Telephone: 8436650031

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
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THE STATE

against

MARTI C. POWELL

754 POSSUM FORD ROAD

Address:

JOHNSONVILLE, SOUT CAROLINA

Phone:

SSN:

Sex:

Race:

Height:

Weight:

DL State:

DL #:

DOB:

2/02 1974

Agency OR#: _____

Prosecuting Agency:

Prosecuting Officer:

EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS, VALUE \$5,000 OR MORE

Offense Code:

Code/Ordinance Sec.

16-13-0210(1)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of _____

The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to law.

Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date:

RETURN

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Blair T. McKee

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCGA 815

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: 16-13-0210(1)
EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS, VALUE \$5,000 OR MORE

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

THAT ON OR BETWEEN 6/1/04 THROUGH 8/31/05, MARTI C. POWELL WHO WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE IN FLORENCE COUNTY AS THE CITY CLERK/TREASURER DID KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY EMBEZZLE AND TAKE FOR HER PERSONAL USE APPROXIMATELY \$78,722.62. POWELL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFEKEEPING, TRANSFER AND DISBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS. POWELL'S JOB DUTIES INCLUDED ACCOUNT PAYABLE, UTILITY BILLING, CODING BILLS AND MAKING DAILY DEPOSITS TO THE BANK. THIS BEING IN VIOLATION OF SC CODE OF LAWS 16-13-210 (1) 1976 AS AMENDED. DEFENDANT GAVE STATEMENT TO THE SAME.

Signature of Affiant

Roxane Bethea

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Sworn to and subscribed before me

9/28/05
Jana White (J.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code 3070

Judge's Address

MAGISTRATE BUILDING
180 N. IRBY STREET, MSC-W

Judge's Telephone

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Issuing Court

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Magistrate

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Circuit

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